AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18, 19, 39 through 41, 43, 44, and 49 through 51 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 15, 22, 32, 36, 38, 47, and 48 as follows:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended)   A communication apparatus which is connected to at least one camera and another communication apparatus, and which manages information concerning a state of said at least one camera, comprising:

a managing device that manages one map ~~image~~ file representing a location at which said at least one camera is disposed, wherein the one map ~~image~~ file is used, in common, for display by a plurality of communication apparatuses, and wherein the map file includes a symbol image to be superimposed on a map image;

a first reception device that receives the information concerning the zoom state of said at least one camera;

a processing device that, ~~changes the one map image,~~ in ~~accordance with~~ response to receiving the ~~received~~ information concerning the zoom state of said at least one camera, updates the symbol image to a new symbol image according to the received information concerning the zoom state and generates a new map file including the new symbol image to be superimposed on the map image;

a second reception device that receives a request to transmit the one map ~~image~~ file, from a communication apparatus included in said plurality of communication apparatuses via a network; and

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a transmission device that transmits the ~~one~~ new map ~~image processed~~ file generated by said processing device to the communication apparatus which requests the one map ~~image~~ file, via the network.

16. (Previously Presented)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the another communication apparatus receives image data taken by said at least one camera.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said communication apparatus is provided integrally as a unit with one of said at least one camera.

21. (Previously Presented)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said communication apparatus is provided with at least one monitor.

22. (Currently Amended)   A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said transmission device transmits the one map ~~image~~ file in correspondence with a change of the state of said at least one camera.

23-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A communication method for a communication apparatus which is connected to at least one camera and another communication apparatus, and which manages information concerning a state of the at least one camera, comprising:

a managing step of managing one map ~~image~~ file representing a location at which the at least one camera is disposed, wherein the one map ~~image~~ file is used, in common, for display by a plurality of communication apparatuses, and wherein the map file includes a symbol image to be superimposed on a map image;

a first reception step of receiving the information concerning the zoom state of the at least one camera;

a processing step of, ~~changing the one map image,~~ in ~~accordance with~~ response to receiving the ~~received~~ information concerning the zoom state of the at least one camera, updating the symbol image to a new symbol image according to the received information concerning the zoom state and generating a new map file including the new symbol image to be superimposed on the map image;

a second reception step of receiving a request to transmit the one map ~~image~~ file, from a communication apparatus included in said plurality of communication apparatuses via a network; and

a transmission step of transmitting the ~~one~~ new map ~~image processed~~ file generated in said processing step to the communication apparatus which requests the one map ~~image~~ file, via the network.

33-35. (Cancelled)

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36. (Currently Amended)   A communication medium which stores a computer-readable program of a control method for a communication apparatus which is connected to at least one camera and another communication apparatus and which manages information concerning a state of the at least one camera, said method comprising:

a managing step of managing one map ~~image~~ <u>file</u> representing a location at which the at least one camera is disposed, wherein the one map ~~image~~ <u>file</u> is used, in common, for display by a plurality of communication apparatuses<u>, and wherein the map file includes a symbol image to be superimposed on a map image</u>;

a first reception step of receiving the information concerning the <u>zoom</u> state of the at least one camera;

a processing step of<u>,</u> ~~changing the one map image,~~ in ~~accordance with~~ <u>response to receiving</u> the ~~received~~ information concerning the <u>zoom</u> state of the at least one camera<u>, updating the symbol image to a new symbol image according to the received information concerning the zoom state and generating a new map file including the new symbol image to be superimposed on the map image</u>;

a second reception step of receiving a request to transmit the one map ~~image~~ <u>file</u>, from a communication apparatus included in said plurality of communication apparatuses via a network; and

a transmission step of transmitting the ~~one~~ <u>new</u> map ~~image processed~~ <u>file generated</u> in said processing step to the communication apparatus which requests the one map ~~image~~ <u>file</u>, via the network.

37.   (Cancelled)

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38. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the ~~one map~~ <u>symbol</u> image ~~processed~~ <u>updated</u> by said processing device ~~includes~~ <u>is</u> a bitmap image ~~file~~.

39-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 32, wherein the another communication apparatus receives image data taken by at least one camera.

43-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 32, wherein the communication apparatus is provided integrally as a unit with one of the at least one camera.

46. (Previously Presented) A communication method according to Claim 32, wherein the communication apparatus is provided with at least one monitor.

47. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to Claim 32, wherein said transmission step transmits the one map ~~image~~ <u>file</u> in correspondence with a change of the state of the at least one camera.

48. (Currently Amended) A communication method according to Claim 32, wherein the ~~one map~~ symbol image ~~processed~~ updated by said processing step ~~includes~~ is a bitmap image ~~file~~.

49-51. (Cancelled)